



Bill Horn's

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5th District Supervisor, County of San Diego

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San Diego's North County: A vision for progress - a time for courage and convictions

Fifth District Supervisor Bill Horn's State of North County Address on March 6, 2003 at the Carlsbad Library began with a tribute to our military troops who are standing firm in defending liberty in Operation Enduring Freedom. Five days later, the Board of Supervisors voted 5-0 to approve Supervisor Horn's resolution of support for President George W. Bush and our military troops. A week later, President Bush announced the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

While more than 100 local governments were on record opposing President Bush, the County of San Diego was the first in the county and perhaps in the nation to formally support the Commander in Chief.

When asked by the media why the Board of Supervisors didn't stick with local issues and why he took a position on America's fight against terrorism, Supervisor Horn said, "The duty of government is to protect the safety and property rights of its citizens and defend our freedom from those who want to destroy us."

Responding to the call for "books not bombs," Supervisor Horn said, "Terrorists studied in American universities and used our books to bring down the World Trade Center."

In response to media reports that the United States has armed Saddam Hussein, Supervisor Horn cited a study



Supervisor Horn and Supervisor Dianne Jacob at the KOGO/Roger Hedgecock-sponsored Support the Troops Rally at the County Administration Center on March 30.

by the Swedish think tank SIPRI. It broke down arms sales to Iraq from 1973 to 1990 as follows: USSR--\$25 billion, France--\$5 billion, China--\$5 billion and the U.S.--\$250 million.

"I find it ironic that the three biggest opponents of America ending Saddam's reign of terror turned out to be his top three arms suppliers," said Horn.

Supervisor Horn recalled how he and other veterans who fought in Vietnam were spit upon when they returned home. "It's my prayer that we welcome home our troops from battle with grateful hearts and public praise." (On page 3 is a letter Supervisor Horn wrote to his family from Vietnam in 1969)

Supervisor Horn's State of North County Address was an opportunity to reveal some of his expanded vision

that included:

- Proposing an inland north-south freeway from I-10 to the Mexican border and closer working relationship with Riverside County Supervisors

- Naming former North County Transit District Chair and former Carlsbad City Council member Julie Nygaard to head a Transportation Task Force to give advice to transportation agencies

- Outlining a proposed agreement with Senator Dianne Feinstein to create an

Agriculture Network Strike Force to fight Ag-Crime

- Updating the progress on widening Highway 76 to I-15 by creating a regional park along the banks of the San Luis Rey River



More than 3,000 patriots turned out for the Support the Troops Rally that spilled out onto Harbor Drive.

Horn's Headlines



"Sidewalks for Students" in Fallbrook

- ◆ Rincon Band of Indians Chairman, John Currier presented the County of San Diego \$700,000, the first installment of a \$6 million agreement to mitigate off-reservation traffic and safety concerns
 - ◆ Pauma Band of Indians Chairman, Chris Devers presented the County of San Diego with \$132,000 for traffic mitigation
 - ◆ Fallbrook View, an 80-unit apartment complex considered "attainable housing," is under construction with County assistance
- ◆ The Fallbrook "Sidewalks for Students" construction project is underway with District 5 Community Projects funds
- ◆ Chief Frank Twohy of Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Fire Department was honored for his 20 years of volunteer work
- ◆ The Oceanside Mighty Pirates Junior Pee Wee Pop Warner football team was honored with a proclamation for their "day" after an undefeated season and winning the national Super Bowl. Go Mighty Pirates!
- ◆ Sheriff Bill Kolender reports that crime in the Fallbrook area decreased from 2001 to 2002. Despite a population increase of nearly 1,600 residents during the reporting, criminal activity dropped. Violent crime decreased by 18.3% while property crimes went down by 6.4% from 2001 to 2002. Supervisor Horn praised Fallbrook area residents and leaders for supporting community-policing and looking out for the well-being of their neighbors.



The Oceanside Mighty Pirates Pop Warner Football Team

Valley Center Library has a *grand* opening

One year after the cornerstone dedication, Valley Center's \$4.4 million dollar library was officially opened on December 5, 2002. The 14,000 square foot library is nearly five times the size of the old library. Adjacent to the new library will be the Valley Center History Museum.

"If we had not completed the project when we did," said Supervisor Horn, "expected budget cuts from the state could have halted construction."



LEFT: Supervisor Horn checks out the first book, a Ronald Reagan biography, with the help of Librarian Sandy Puccio.

RIGHT: Supervisor Horn looked on as Sandra Farmer Rockefeller presented Friends of the Library president Gerald Slusser with a check for \$500 from the North County Soroptimists.



A letter from a different front

(Editor's note: With the liberation of Iraq underway, we've included a letter Supervisor Horn wrote to his family in 1969. It was written during a break in an intense battle that took place while he was a Marine Corps officer in Vietnam. We're certain that our military troops in the Middle East and families at home can identify with many of the same emotions Captain Horn felt 34 years ago.)

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Dear Family,

I know you're mad because I haven't written, but it's really difficult to find something to say. Besides, my M-110 (Jeep) was Blown Away, my mess hall took a direct hit, 2 ammo bunkers were destroyed, since the 19th of Feb., I've been in "2" ambushes on Route 9, a few ground attacks on my position at the rock-pile, other than that there's not much to write about. Except "HELP."

I sit here trying to think of stuff to write about that won't scare the hell out of you, but there's darn little. Let's face it, we're pretty well boxed in by the NVA. They're just all over

the place, it's an attempt to relieve the pressure of the "A-shau" Valley operation.

Don't worry, John Wayne always makes another movie each year. I was still dreaming of R & R when my jeep was ambushed Feb. 19th near Ke Gia Bridge. I called in an emergency fire mission, my own battery firing, and killed 9 NVA and destroyed 2 mortar tubes. I thought that was close until the 25th of Feb. when the 122mm rockets just blew my position away, including my beautiful radio jeep. That still _____ me off - it was the pride and joy of Lima. Yet I'm very thankful my men made it through all this with minor injuries. AMEN.

The war is like last June, July and August, no holds barred wide open brawl. Enough about my dull life.

How's skiing in the California area? I had a wonderful time in Hawaii, too bad it didn't last longer. I wish Nixon would quit examining this damn insignificant action and send another Marine Division to my area. His patience and forbearance is just a wonderful idea over a cold coke or a cup of coffee, but I haven't seen either of those items in my hole lately.

I'll tell you about it in June.

See ya,
Bill

PS: Thank you for the Playboy!

PSS: SEND CIGARS, thank you.

PPSS: Go to church regularly.

Rincon reservation opens new Head Start

The Rincon Band of Mission Indians has a new 5,700 sq. ft. Head Start facility. Chairman John Currier and the Rincon Business Committee worked with Gordon Prill Construction Inc. of San Diego. The center was dedicated on January 24.

The building includes four classrooms, kitchen, pantry, office/reception area, staff workroom, storage, bathrooms and special features, such as the hallway cabinets to hold children's belongings.



Children play the balloon game in the new Rincon Head Start Center. Teachers from left, Linda Bonin, Lori Nilo and Linda Penwright.

Go America!

Supervisor Horn praised "Support the Troops" rallies in Oceanside and Fallbrook and took part in rallies at the Marine Corps

Air Station, Miramar and the County Administration Center in downtown San Diego.

"It was great to stand next to thousands of modern patriots," said Supervisor Horn. "Roger Hedgecock and KOGO deserve our thanks for helping send a clear message to our troops and their families here at home."



Investing In Our Own Backyard

Allocation of Community Projects Funds in the Fifth District

- ◆ \$25,000 to Ivy Ranch Park Association, Inc., Oceanside, to purchase a small tractor and two modified golf carts and to print informational brochures
- ◆ \$35,000 to Fallbrook HealthCare Foundation, Fallbrook, for the purchase of a van to transport seniors to medical facilities
- ◆ \$35,000 to Interfaith Community Services for moving expenses and interior improvements, furniture and equipment for their new Oceanside Center
- ◆ \$50,000 to Rancho Santa Fe Seniors, Inc. to install handicap parking spaces, ramps, handrails, walkways and landscaping at the Senior House in Rancho Santa Fe

Stop Those Annoying Telemarketers!

If you want to register on the national Do Not Call list, you can pre-register by going to the California Attorney General's website at <http://nocall.doj.state.ca.us>, then click on the "pre-register" link for directions. Up to four telephone numbers can be submitted.

Pre-registration is limited to the Internet. Sorry, no provision for doing this by phone or mail. There is no charge for the service. The maximum penalty is a fine of \$11,000 per unlawful call.

Supervisor Horn and Agriculture Secretary Lyons on the front lines fighting Mexican Fruit Flies

State Agriculture Secretary William Lyons and his staff have been frequent visitors in Valley Center as the State and County work together to fight the worst infestation of Mexican fruit flies in the history of San Diego County.



Supervisor Horn met with State Secretary of Agriculture Bill Lyons in a Valley Center grove.

County Ag Commissioner Kathleen Thuner and her staff have worked tirelessly to eradicate a pest that threatened to destroy the fourth most important part of San Diego County's economy. Some of the crops were saved and are now being harvested.

"Those who expect
to reap the
blessings
of freedom must,
like men, undergo
the fatigue of
supporting it."

THOMAS PAINE
PATRIOT



BILL HORN
Fifth District San Diego
County Supervisor
demonstrates his support
for the troops at a rally
held at the County
Administration Center.

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